

**REMARKS**

This second Preliminary Amendment is submitted in order to submit the application in proper form for examination, and to correct an error in presentation of the claims in the first-filed preliminary amendment submitted with the application on June 6, 2006.

In the Preliminary Amendment filed June 6, 2006, the claims addressed the claims of the originally-filed PCT application. In fact, the claims were amended under Article 34, the Article 34 claims being of record in the present application.

The present Preliminary Amendment addresses the Article 34 claims, placing them in better form for examination in the present U.S. application. It is respectfully submitted that this Second Preliminary Amendment should be entered, and that the Preliminary Amendment filed June 6, 2006 should be stricken from the record.

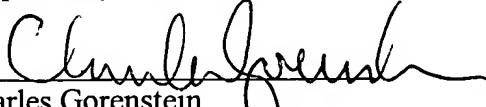
In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Charles Gorenstein Reg. No. 29,271 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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